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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-R9-2013-009947

Dear Mr. Hoeflerlin:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding: Building 175, Castle Air Force Base, Atwater, CA 95301 (APN 051-002-008). You have requested information regarding USTs, hazardous materials/waste, releases, investigations of soil/groundwater/soil gas/indoor air, and remediation efforts associated with Building 175 at this site.

The Former Castle Air Force Base is currently listed on the CERCLA National Priorities List, and remediation efforts associated with the CERCLA program are managed by the Air Force. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Agencies provide regulatory oversight of the CERCLA remediation activities. Additionally, the State Agencies oversee other environmental cleanup programs, such as UST investigations associated with petroleum-only contamination. The Air Force maintains the Administrative Record (AR) for the former Castle Air Force Base, and electronic copy records that are responsive to your request can be obtained free of charge from the following website: <http://afarpaar.lackland.af.mil/ar/>. You may also obtain Air Force FOIA information at <http://www.afcec.af.mil/foia/index.asp> and <http://www.foia.af.mil/>.

IRP Site Building 175 (B175) was assigned an Air Force Base Conversion Agency Management Information System number of SS063 and is included as a petroleum hydrocarbon only site in the *Source Control Operable Unit Record of Decision Part 1 (September 2002)*, AR#2246. A *Final Closure Report, IRP Site B175, Castle Airport, Merced County, California (September 2002)* summarizes the Site history and investigation results. The AR# is pending for this document, however an electronic copy has been sent to the e-mail address you provided.

There are also two Solid Waste Management Units, SWMUs 4.7 and 4.8, associated with B175. The investigation and closure activities of these SMWUs are addressed in the *Draft Final Closure Report for FTA-3, B551, and SWMUs 4.7, 4.8, and 4.14 (July 2002)*, AR# 3049, and in the *Source Control Operable Unit Record of Decision Part 2 (May 2003)*, AR#2244. Additionally, B175 is addressed in Parcel A of the *Merced County Parcels Finding of Suitability to Transfer (DATE)*, AR#2364, and various sections and tables of the *Final Supplement to the Basewide Environmental Baseline Survey (SBEBBS), Castle AFB (June 2004)*, AR#2368.

If you would like to obtain a hard copy of any of these documents, the EPA would require an Assurance of Payment Letter for research and production fees above \$25. If you have any questions, please contact Nadia Burke of this office at 415-972-3187.

Sincerely,

Loren Henning  
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